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IN VACATION.

Wouldn't Take the Risk.—A certain Dutchman, owner of a small house, had effected an insurance on it of \$800, although it had been built for much less. The house burned down, and the Dutchman then claimed the full amount for which it had been insured; but the officers of the company refused to pay more than its actual value—about \$600. He expressed his dissatisfaction in powerful broken English, interlacing his remarks with some choice Teutonic oaths.

"If you wish it," said the cashier of the insurance company, "we will build you a house larger and better than the one burned down, as we are positive it can be done for even less than \$600."

To this proposition the Dutchman objected, and at last was compelled to take the \$600. Some weeks after he had received the money he was called upon by the same agent, who wanted him to take out a policy of life insurance on himself or on his wife.

"If you insure your wife's life for \$2,000," the agent said, "and she should die, you would have the sum to solace your heart."

"Dat be tam!" exclaimed the Dutchman. "You 'surance fellows ish all tiefs! If I insure my vife, and my vife dies, and if I goes to de office to get my two thousand tollars, do I get all de money? No, not quite. You vill say to me, 'She wasn't worth two thousand tollars; she vas worth bout six hundred. If you don't like de six hundred tollars ve will gif you a bigger and better vife!'"—National Corporation Reporter.

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